6.	Profit + Liquidity Optimising	(1) Managing Director, Bokaro Steel Plant (2) Director (Finance) SAIL
7.	Fully utilise In-House Assets	(1) Managing Director, Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd.

Respective working groups have already submitted their recommendations, and implementation of the same has started.

Changes in Mining Lease

2451. SRHI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to recommend the changes in mining lease and prospecting license aimed to curb illegal mining;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its recommendations; and

(d) if so, the main points of recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Central Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India with Mining Secretaries of State Governments of Orissa, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Assam and Himachal Pradesh, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries and Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines etc. as members. The terms of reference of the Committee are appended as Statement *(See* below). The Committee has submitted its report to the Government which, inter-alia. includes strengthening of the penal provisions for curbing illegal mining. Further necessary action for amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 and Rules made thereunder has already been initiated.

Statement

The terms of reference of the Committee Constituted under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary (Mines) to Review Mining Rules and Procedures.

(i) to consider and suggest further delegation of powers to the State Governments regarding grant/ renewal of Prospecting Licence/ Mining Lease and other related approvals under the Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 and the Rules made thereunder;

(ii) to review the existing laws and procedures governing regulation and development of minerals and to suggest steps to make them compatible with the changed policies;

(iii) to review the existing procedures pertaining to grant/renewal of Prospecting Licences/Mining Leases and to suggest measures to reduce delay in this regard at the levels to State Governments and the Central Government; and

(iv) to suggest measures to prevent illegal mining.

Bungling in the supply of Hard Coke

2452. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected large scale bungling in the purchase/